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SUBJECT: US STEEL VAT CASE: TRAVEL OF DOJ LAWYERS

REF: A) STATE 283980, B) STATE 275863

1. ADDRESSEE POSTS HAVE RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS REGARDING  
THE UPCOMING VISIT OF DOJ LAWYERS DAVID COHEN AND JOSEPH  
LEIBMAN WHICH WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO ANSWER.

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTELS A AND B, JUSTICE LAWYERS  
PURPOSE IN EUROPE IS TO INTERVIEW POTENTIAL WITNESSES FOR  
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THE VAT CASE AND UNICE (UNION DES INDUSTRIES DE  
COMMUNAUTES EUROPEANNES) IS SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS WITH  
INDIVIDUALS IT BELIEVES WOULD MAKE GOOD WITNESSES. THE  
TRIP IS NOT AN INVESTIGATION TO DISCOVER NEW FACTS, BUT IS  
FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AN APPROPRIATE LIST OF  
WITNESSES FOR THE USG IN THE CASE. JUSTICE LAWYERS EXPECT  
TO RECEIVE FULL DETAILS ON THE INTERVIEWS ON DECEMBER 5 AT

THEIR FIRST MEETING AT THE UNICE OFFICE IN BRUSSELS. THE PARTIAL LIST OF PEOPLE THEY EXPECT TO SEE ARE: GERMANY--PROF. POHER, PROF. ALBACH, DR. RAU, DR. MESENBERG, PROF. KROHNE; FRANCE--MR. HUTCHINGS, MR. DEHAYS, PROF. FONTANEAU, PROF. ALTMAN. IN BRUSSELS THEY EXPECT TO SEE VON KUNITZKI OF LUXEMBOURG AND ODENDAL AND SIMONS OF

THE NETHERLANDS. IN THE U.K. THEY EXPECT TO SEE MESSRS. CAIN, DANSON AND RICHARDSON OF BRITISH STEEL.

3. FOR BONN: RE HAGGERTY-BLUM TELCON AND BONN 19962, JUSTICE LAWYERS HAVE NO REASON IN PRINCIPLE TO EXCLUDE EMBASSY OFFICER FROM AN INTERVIEW BUT SUGGEST THAT THE PRESENCE OF TOO MANY PEOPLE COULD BE INHIBITING. THEY ALSO NOTE THAT THE HOST, SO TO SPEAK, IS UNICE, AND THEY COULD POSSIBLY OBJECT. POSSIBILITIES FOR EMBASSY ATTENDANCE WILL BE CLEARER AFTER JUSTICE LAWYERS MEET WITH UNICE OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS. PRESENT HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS ARE SATISFACTORY.

4. FOR LONDON: RE LONDON 19543, JUSTICE LAWYERS HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PRESENCE OF DEPARTMENT OF TRADE OFFICIALS BUT AS IN PARA 3 ABOVE, BELIEVE UNICE SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

5. FOR USEC: RE BRUSSELS 17441, JUSTICE LAWYERS WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH CHARGE MORRIS BEFORE SEEING EC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMISSION OFFICIALS. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH DEP. DIRECTOR LOEFF, BEN MEYNELL AND MR. HINKINSEN OF DG XV ON DECEMBER 6.

6. JUSTICE LAWYERS WILL CONTACT EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICERS UPON ARRIVAL AT ADDRESSEE POSTS. FOR ANY CALLS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS NOTED IN STATE 285382, JUSTICE LAWYERS WELCOME PRESENCE OF EMBASSY OFFICER. VANCE

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